

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room
John A. Hannah Building
608 West Allegan
Lansing, Michigan

January 8, 2008
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman
 Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President
 Mr. John C. Austin, Vice President
 Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary
 Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, Treasurer
 Mrs. Nancy Danhof, NASBE Delegate
 Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer
 Mr. Reginald Turner
 Ms. Casandra Ulbrich
 Mrs. Sue Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm,
 ex officio

Also Present: Mrs. June Teisan, 2007-2008 Michigan Teacher of the Year

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m.

II. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Information on Partnership with the School Nutrition Association of Michigan (SNAM) – Memorandum dated January 8, 2008

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. 2007-2008 Title I – Accountability/School Improvement – Initial – added to agenda
- B. 2007-2008 Regional Assistance to High Priority Schools – Amendment – added to agenda
- C. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Sandra Davis – removed from consent and placed under discussion

Mrs. Danhof requested the following modification to the agenda:

- D. Approval of Certification Standards for Elementary Teachers – removed from consent agenda and placed under discussion

Mrs. McGuire moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.

The motion carried unanimously.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT STAFF, AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, introduced members of the State Board of Education, Department of Education staff, and guests attending the meeting.

V. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MRS. KATHLEEN N. STRAUS

Mrs. Straus said it was announced this morning that Mrs. June Teisan is one of four finalists for the National Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Straus said she was excited to learn of this additional recognition, and she congratulated Mrs. Teisan.

Mr. Flanagan said additional information would be provided later in the meeting.

VI. POINT OF THE DAY

Mr. Martin Ackley, Director, Office of Communications, said that on January 9, 2008, *Education Week* magazine will be issuing its annual "Quality Counts" report that measures and compares states using factors that contribute toward a quality education. He said the report will give Michigan positive marks in (1) standards such as Grade Level Content Expectations and High School Course Content Expectations, (2) assessments, (3) accountability systems, (4) transitions of students from prekindergarten to kindergarten through grade twelve, and to postsecondary, and (5) alignment of curriculum and students from prekindergarten to kindergarten through grade twelve, and to postsecondary.

Mr. Ackley said Michigan will be listed as lacking in (1) linking teacher and student records by subjects and assessments, (2) linking student achievement to teacher evaluations, (3) considering initial teacher licenses as clinical experiences during teacher training, and (4) teacher education programs accountable for their graduates' classroom performance.

Mr. Ackley said the work currently being done by the State Board of Education, Michigan Department of Education, and postsecondary education to improve teacher preparation programs will positively impact these issues.

VII. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION HONORING SANDRA L. DAVIS

This item was removed from the consent agenda.

Mr. Flanagan presented Adoption of Resolution Honoring Sandra L. Davis.

Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution honoring Sandra L. Davis, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated December 28, 2007.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Straus said Sandra Davis is retiring after more than 34 years of service with the Michigan Department of Education. She said Sandy has worked in the State Board of Education Office more than 20 years. Mrs. Straus said Sandy has always been very cheerful, pleasant, and accommodating, and provides wonderful service to members of the Board, as well as the public. Mrs. Straus said she has received many compliments from the public about the friendly service provided when Sandy answers the telephone. She said Sandy is owed a tremendous debt of gratitude, and although she will be missed, she is wished a happy retirement.

Mrs. Davis said it has been her extreme pleasure to serve the State Board and Department of Education.

Mrs. Straus presented Sandy with the framed resolution, and Mr. Austin presented her with flowers, on behalf of the Board and Department.

The resolution honoring Sandra Davis is attached as Exhibit A.

VIII. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE – MR. MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Mr. Flanagan said as Mrs. Straus previously stated, Mrs. June Teisan, Michigan Teacher of the Year, is one of four finalists for National Teacher of the Year as announced by the Council of Chief State School Officers and sponsored by the ING Foundation. Mr. Flanagan said this is an extreme honor, and Mrs. Teisan joins teachers from California, Oregon, and Virginia as finalists. He said the National Teacher of the Year will be announced in late April in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Jean Shane, Special Assistant, Awards and Recognition Programs, presented June with flowers.

Mrs. Teisan said she and the other finalists will travel to Washington, D.C. in early March for a series of interviews, a videotaping opportunity, presentations, and a panel interview with 15 representatives from national education associations.

Mrs. Teisan said the National Teacher of the Year is on a full year sabbatical from the classroom and participates in approximately 140 national and international speaking events. She said all of the finalists have a background in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Mrs. Teisan said teachers do not do their job alone. She said it is a team effort with custodians, social workers, bus drivers, administrators, and others investing in the lives of students.

IX. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting at 10:09 a.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

X. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Flanagan called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

XI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Presentation on Career and Technical Education Programs in Michigan Including the State Plan for Carl D. Perkins Programs – July 1, 2008 Through June 30, 2013

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer
- Ms. Patty Cantu, Director, Office of Career and Technical Preparation

The purpose of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 is to more fully develop the academic and career and technical skills of secondary education students who elect to enroll in Career and Technical Education programs. The State Plan provides the goals and direction of the state in meeting the accountability requirements under the law.

Board member comments and *staff clarifications* included:

1. pleased that Career and Technical Preparation has returned to the Department of Education; activity-based, hands-on, relevance, rigor, and relationships are modeled in career and technical education programs;
2. Postsecondary Education should also be returned to the Department of Education;
3. how does highly qualified teacher status work within career and technical education (CTE) programs – *CTE teachers have to work with a highly qualified academic teacher to develop lesson plans and assessments to ensure academic credit; districts started working on the academic crosswalks last year and this year the Department will begin to find out how many programs will implement the collaborative teaching model; Michigan is unique in its high school curriculum, and a decision has been made that academic credit can be given through CTE courses;*
4. what is the timeline – *the plan must be submitted to the Federal government by April 1, 2008; it will be reviewed by the Federal government and clarifications will be made, if necessary; the five-year Plan will begin in the fall of 2008;*
5. are there annual opportunities to modify the Plan – *yes, however public hearings would need to reoccur;*
6. which career clusters are growing – *new and emerging programs such as the pre-engineering program Project Lead The Way, and an alternative fuels program; programs are closed through self-selection or on-site review process;*
7. does a student need to be enrolled in high school to participate in a program – *yes;*
8. can students who have dropped out of school participate – *it may be possible through area centers; sometimes vocational education millage language allows graduates to participate;*
9. is there allowance for course exploratory time – *yes;*
10. CTE is a good resource for a co-teaching model – *staff has developed a task force for each of the 16 clusters comprised of CTE and academic teachers who have met to develop lesson plans;*

11. one-year student follow up will provide valuable data; CTE programs are good models of programs that are developed with the end user in mind;
12. important for students to have the opportunity to explore different programs in high school rather than waiting until college;
13. transparency of data is important; is there a way for districts to access CTE data – *yes; local districts input the data and it can be accessed by districts;*
14. one of the previous recommendations has been that Michigan should develop an integrated pre-kindergarten through postsecondary data system; there is commitment and interest, however State funding has been lacking;
15. private sector foundations are interested in the development of an integrated system; and
16. Board members need a list of participants on the various committees – *it will be provided.*

This item is on the February agenda for approval.

B. Presentation on the No Child Left Behind Accountability Workbook Amendments for 2007-2008

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer
- Ms. MaryAlice Galloway, Assistant to the Deputy Superintendent

The Accountability Workbook is the annual negotiation of the details of the state's plan. States have been asked to make specific additions to State Plans. The proposed amendments respond to the request and update Michigan's Accountability Workbook.

Three items are recommended for amendment: (1) interim flexibility for students who are assessed on modified achievement standards, as requested by the U.S. Department of Education; (2) addition of description of science assessment implementation to Section 6.1 of the Accountability Workbook, as requested by the U.S. Department of Education; and (3) flexibility to allow more than four years to be used as the "standard number of years" for graduation on a case by case basis for dropout recovery programs, as requested by the Michigan Department of Education.

Board member comments and *staff clarifications* included:

1. what does case by case basis mean – *student by student rather than the whole class*;
2. students in alternative high schools should be included in the group that would be allowed more than four years to graduate – *there was Board consensus to include alternative high school students*;
3. clarification of page 2, second paragraph, second line states “students be allowed to use nonstandard assessment accommodations on the MEAP and MI-Access assessments but the results cannot be counted because nonstandard accommodations invalidate the test results . . . the student will not count as either proficient or tested” – *for example, if a reading test is read to the student, it becomes a listening test and under NCLB we cannot count it as participating or proficient*;
4. clarification of page 3, third paragraph, second line states “improve the academic achievement of both students with disabilities and other struggling students” – *for example, students with a 504 plan, serious illness, or death in the family*;
5. how does the flexibility to allow more than four years to graduate relate to CTE programs and students who are pursuing high school and postsecondary credits simultaneously – *since the high school graduation requirements begin with the graduating class of 2011, and Michigan is in new territory with how the requirements relate to CTE programs, some of those details are still to be determined*;
6. as long as students reach mastery, we should not be concerned if it takes longer than previously expected, and that argument should be made as mastery is defined at the federal level; and
7. the Board previously discussed supporting the growth model of assessment in NCLB legislation – *Michigan will apply to be a pilot state for the growth model; the application is due February 1, 2008.*

This item is on the February agenda for approval.

C. Discussion Regarding Criteria for Training and Technical Assistance Grant for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program

Mrs. Straus said that at the agenda planning meeting, members of the Board expressed an interest in discussing grant criteria items during the Committee of the Whole meeting in order to avoid removing items from the consent agenda.

Clarifications were provided by Dr. Lindy Buch, Supervisor, Early Childhood Education and Family Services.

Board member comments and *clarifications* included:

1. as stated in the Background/Purpose of Grant, students will be offered a broad array of additional services; what kind of training and technical assistance will be offered to meet the broad array of needs – *the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program is in its sixth year; grants are given to low-income, high-priority areas; this particular grant for a training and technical assistance center will be awarded to one entity that collaborates with others to provide a variety of services and choices;*
2. there is a fully developed field and great expertise in Michigan regarding after school learning;
3. is technical assistance provided for needs assessments in the community prior to development of the program – *that is done through the initial grant application process; and*
4. have centers been closed for poor performance – *an improvement process has been used since it takes a period of time for programs to get up and running; this is the first year that programs had completed the five year cycle; those programs that were not doing well, did not reapply.*

This item is on the consent agenda for approval during the Regular Meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the Committee of the Whole at 11:27 a.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 11:28 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING

XIII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Minutes of Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of December 11, 2007

Mrs. Danhof moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting of December 11, 2007.

The motion carried unanimously.

XIV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. NTDTV Chinese Television and Chinese New Year Spectacular

Mrs. Straus said she was interviewed by NTDTV Chinese Television which is headquartered in New York City and shown around the world. She said the interviewer was very interested in Michigan's world language requirement, especially the teaching of Chinese language, history, and culture, and certification of teachers.

Mrs. Straus said the Oriental Culture Association is sponsoring the Chinese New Year Spectacular on January 22, at the Detroit Opera House. She distributed brochures on the event that is being presented in over 100 cities around the world.

XV. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- E. Human Resources Update
- F. Report on Department of Education Cosponsorships

Grants

- G. 2007-2008 Great Parents, Great Start Grant Program – Continuation
- H. 2007-2008 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Initial
- I. 2007-2008 Title III – English Language Acquisition Program (Final) – Amendment
- J. 2007-2008 Title I Schoolwide Program Planning Grant – Initial

- K. 2006-2007 Title I, Part D – Prevention and Intervention for Neglected or Delinquent Children – Amendment
- L. 2007-2008 Title V, Part A – Innovative Programs – Amendment
- M. 2007-2008 Special Education-State Personnel Development Grant – Initial
- U. 2007-2008 Title I Accountability/School Improvement – Initial
- V. 2007-2008 Regional Assistance to High Priority Schools – Amendment

Mr. Flanagan provided a verbal report on:

A. School Visits

Mr. Flanagan said he visited Pewamo-Westphalia Community Schools on December 18, 2007, as part of his plan to visit a variety of local school districts across the state. He said he found it to be an example of a small district that does a great job. He said he noticed a community atmosphere where people know each other, and adults encourage student leadership. He said the district recently received a silver medal award from U.S. News & World Report and its high school is ranked among America's best high schools.

Mr. Flanagan said he also visited the classroom of his daughter who is a first year Spanish teacher. He said the way students learn is changing rapidly as evidenced by listening to his daughter, and observing the way students use technology.

XVI. TEACHER OF THE YEAR REPORT

Mrs. June Teisan, 2007-2008 Michigan Teacher of the Year, presented Teacher of the Year Report.

Mrs. Teisan reviewed the "Network of Michigan Educators Annual Conference Overview – December 5 and 6, 2007" that she distributed. She said in addition to the content positives of the conference, there was a deepening of professional relationships among members of the Network of Michigan Educators, as pointed out by Mr. Jim Linsell, 2001-2002 Michigan Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Teisan said the participation of State Board of Education members and Department of Education staff was appreciated. She said speakers included Mr. Mike Schmidt, Ford Motor Company; Dr. Yong Zhao, Michigan State University; and Mr. Michael Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Mrs. Teisan said she is exploring the possibility of her participation in a future Board meeting via video.

XVII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Mr. George Wurtzel, Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Wurtzel, representing Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind, provided verbal and written information on Camp Tuhsmeheeta.
- B. Ms. Katie Wolf, Lansing, Michigan. Ms. Wolf, representing Michigan Association of Community and Adult Education, presented verbal comments on alternative education.
- C. Mr. Linell Quinn, Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Quinn presented verbal and written comments regarding student participation on state and local boards of education.

XVIII. RECESS

The Board recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:12 p.m.

XIX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
(continued)

- D. Mrs. Mary T. Wood, Warren, Michigan. Mrs. Wood presented verbal comments on public school academies.

XX. APPROVAL OF REVISED REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Betty Underwood, Interim Director, Office of School Improvement; and Ms. JoAnn Neuroth, Supervisor, Public School Academy Unit presented Approval of Revised Report to the Legislature on Public School Academies.

In response to State Board of Education discussion at the December 11, 2007 meeting, revisions have been made to the Report to the Legislature on Public School Academies.

Mrs. Bauer asked if the "host" category embodies the host school districts of all of the public school academies. Ms. Neuroth said the "host" category incorporates approximately two-thirds of the public school academies.

Mrs. McGuire said page 48 states, "The Superintendent of Public Instruction has statutory authority to suspend an authorizer's power to authorize if (s)he finds that an authorizer is not exercising adequate oversight." Mrs. McGuire asked what is meant by adequate oversight.

Mr. Flanagan said he does not see any current actions by any authorizer that deserve suspension; however that does not preclude the conversation regarding the meaning of adequate oversight. He said he has confidence in the trustees of the authorizing agencies, and therefore he trusts the authorizers. He said he believes, as the Board discussed at its December meeting, that a mutual agreement could be reached through discussion at a joint meeting of trustees of authorizing institutions and the State Board of Education. Mr. Flanagan said clarity is needed regardless of whether or not the Michigan Department of Education is given rulemaking authority.

Mrs. McGuire said oversight is important, and everything is too nebulous.

Ms. Ulbrich said rulemaking authority and the joint meeting between the trustees of authorizing institutions and the State Board of Education should be pursued simultaneously. Mrs. Straus said she agrees with this approach.

Mr. Austin said the outcome of the discussion would be to establish shared expectations for appropriate behavior of public school academies.

Mrs. Danhof said meeting participants would hear the same thing at the same time and reach consensus on issues such as best practice, successes, and concerns.

Mrs. Bauer said there is merit in a system of checks and balances.

Ms. Ulbrich said it is in everyone's best interest to develop a common set of understandings.

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education (1) approve the Report to the Legislature on Public School Academies as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 26, 2007 and including the changes as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated December 20, 2007 and (2) approve its transmittal to the Legislature.

The motion carried unanimously.

In response to a previous question, Mrs. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent, read an excerpt from the "Office of Attorney General (AG) No. 7126 and Public School Academy Site Locations" memorandum dated December 11, 2007 that was presented to the Board at its meeting on the same date. Mrs. Wolenberg said there is nothing in the statute that prohibits amendments to contracts or applications, and the contracts and applications are approved by the authorizer. She said it is

required that every contract include a process to amend the contract. The authorizer is then free to work with public school academies to amend the application or contract for everything from multiple sites to moving locations.

Mrs. Straus asked if the Department receives copies of amendments, and Ms. Neuroth said, "Yes."

XXI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Lisa Hansknecht, Legislative Director, presented Legislative Update.

Ms. Hansknecht said session begins on January 9, 2008.

Ms. Hansknecht said the State of the State will be on January 29, 2008. She said the Governor usually presents the budget on Thursday of the week following the State of the State, which would be February 7, 2008; however an official announcement has not yet been made.

Ms. Hansknecht provided an update on pending issues in 2007, including a supplemental appropriation for secondary credit assessments, and a substitute for Senate Bill 730 delaying mid-year school consolidations to the summer.

Mrs. Bauer said she is interested in continued work on the Keeping Kids in School initiative and anti-bullying.

In response to Mrs. Straus, Mrs. Wolenberg said Safe and Drug Free Schools funding has been decreased. Mrs. Wolenberg said the written report, "Update on Federal Issues" has some incorrect numbers, and a correction will be provided to the Board.

Mrs. Bauer asked if the decrease in Title V funding has implications for the Michigan Department of Education. Mrs. Wolenberg said there is the potential for significant implications, depending on funding of other programs.

XXII. APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATION STANDARDS FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

This item was removed from the consent agenda. Revised pages were distributed.

Dr. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services; Dr. Catherine Smith, Supervisor, Office of Professional Preparation Services; and Dr. Bonnie Rockafellow, Consultant, Office of Professional Preparation Services; presented Approval of Certification Standards for Elementary Teachers.

Dr. Jenkins said the revised document includes revisions that are highlighted on pages 3, 8, 16, and 19.

Mrs. McGuire said on page 13, 1.4.2.3 should be clarified, perhaps stating the earth's surface shapes human activity.

Mrs. McGuire said on page 13, 1.4.4.1 should state voluntary trade and labor create wealth.

Dr. Rockefeller said language was intended to be directly related to the Grade Level Content Expectations; but staff will review the specified areas to be certain.

Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mrs. Danhof, that the State Board of Education approve the Certification Standards for Elementary Teachers, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated December 28, 2007, and as modified by discussion.

The motion carried unanimously.

XXIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Approvals

P. Approval of Certification Standards for Elementary Teachers

Criteria

Q. Approval of Criteria for Training and Technical Assistance Grant for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program

Resolutions

R. Adoption of Resolution Regarding Michigan School Support Staff Week

S. Adoption of Resolution Regarding National School Breakfast Week

T. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Sandra Davis

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mr. Turner, that the State Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendations for the consent agenda, as follows:

P. (This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion);

- Q. approve the criteria for Training and Technical Assistance Grant for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated December 20, 2007;**
- R. adopt the resolution regarding Michigan School Support Staff Week, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated December 20, 2007;**
- S. adopt the resolution regarding National School Breakfast Week, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated December 20, 2007; and**
- T. (This item was removed from the consent agenda and placed under discussion).**

The vote was taken on the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The resolution regarding Michigan School Support Staff Week is attached as Exhibit B.

The resolution regarding National School Breakfast Week is attached as Exhibit C.

XXIV. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

A. School Sites – Mr. John Austin

Mr. Austin said there is no functioning process in place to insist on community and local participation regarding school sites. Mr. Austin said this should be a topic of discussion by the Board.

Mrs. Bauer said school sites influence sprawl, health, education, and urban development.

B. State Board of Education Focus – Mrs. Kathleen Straus

Mrs. Straus said the Board needs to determine the focus for the upcoming year. Mr. Flanagan said that could be discussed at the Agenda Planning Meeting as a Board Retreat topic.

XXV. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Flanagan asked Board members to contact a member of the Agenda Planning Committee comprised of Mrs. Straus, Mr. Austin, and Mrs. Curtin with suggestions for additional agenda topics.

XXVI. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. Ulbrich, that the State Board of Education approve a joint meeting with the Professional Standards Commission for Teachers scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

- A. February 12, 2008
- B. February 21, 2008 (joint SBE/PSCT meeting)
- C. March 11, 2008
- D. April 8, 2008

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin
Secretary